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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1975

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS. EB, EUR, PM AND IO DID NOT SUBMIT.

AF - EDWARD W. MULCAHY-ACTING

AUSTRALIANS AND UN ISSUES: AUSTRALIAN CHARGE UPTON CAME IN TO COMPARE NOTES ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE IN THE NEXT UNGA. WE AGREED THAT THERE ARE SO MANY VARIABLES AFFECTING THE MAIN ISSUES WE CANNOT BE SURE AT THIS EARLY DATE IN WHAT FORM EACH ONE WILL ARISE.

SIERRA LEONE: I CONGRATULATED MIKE SAMUELS ON THE FINE RESULTS OF HIS MISSIONARY WORK ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE IN SWINGING SIERRA LEONE INTO VOTING OUR WAY. MIKE IS CONVINCED THAT WITH A MODEST NEW BILATERAL AID PROGRAM HE WILL HAVE THE LEVERAGE TO KEEP SIERRA LEONE IN THE GENUINELY NON-ALIGNED CATEGORY, FROM WHICH
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THEY HAVE TENDED TO STRAY IN RECENT YEARS. OUR WHEELS TOWARD THAT END ARE ALREADY IN MOTION

TOMORROW: I WILL BRIEF CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ON ANGOLA, HAVE LUNCH WITH THE SOMALI AMBASSADOR, GIVE A VOA RADIO

INTERVIEW AND MEET WITH PAULINE BAKER OF THE
ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION.

NEA - SOBER, ACTING.

1. DEFENSE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VON MARBOD CALLED
ON ME FOR A DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS HE WILL BE
DEALING WITH IF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO TEHRAN IS APPROVED AS
DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE, IRAN. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR
THIS JOB HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH
AMBASSADOR HELMS WHO HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SEEK THE SHAH'S
CONCURRENCE. VON MARBOD HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING HIS DESIRE
TO WORK UNDER HELMS' CLOSE DIRECTION TO FULFILL THE
MISSION OUTLINED FOR HIM.

L - GEORGE H. ALDRICH, ACTING

ALDRICH CONSULTED WITH DEFENSE AND WITH THE MINISTER OF
THE SWEDISH EMBASSY CONCERNING PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER 8 AND
9 CONSULTATIONS IN STOCKHOLM ON THE LAWS OF WAR AND
RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. THE
SEPTEMBER STOCKHOLM SESSION WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR US TO INFLUENCE SWEDISH INITIATIVES DURING THE COMING
YEAR. WE AND DEFENSE ARE AGREED THAT WE SHALL USE THE
MEETINGS TO TRY TO MAKE THE SWEDES UNDERSTAND WHY MOST
OF THEIR PROPOSALS WOULD INVOLVE UNACCEPTABLE RISKS TO
OUR SECURITY AND TO THE SECURITY OF MOST WESTERN COUNTRIES
AND WILL PRESS FOR A REALISTIC EVALUATION OF DEFENSE
REQUIREMENTS BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT.

--ALDRICH AND SCHWEBEL REVIEWED THE LATEST DRAFT OF YOUR
UN SPEECH AND SCHWEBEL CONFERRED WITH S/P ON REVISIONS
TO IT.

--SCHWEBEL CONFERRED WITH E AND ARA ON A FRESH SUMMARY
OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION MEMORANDA ON U.S. POLICY ON
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EXPROPRIATION AND SALE OF OIL COMPANIES.

--AT EUR'S REQUEST, SCHWEBEL TELEPHONED COUNSEL FOR ARIS
GLOVES TO ASK THAT HE PUT TO SENATORS LONG AND GRAVEL
THE TERMS OF A PROJECTED COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT WITH
CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH ARIS IS NOW PREPARED TO ACCEPT. WE
DO NOT WISH TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE THESE NEW TERMS WITH
PRAGUE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE THAT LONG AND GRAVEL WILL SUPPORT
THEM.

ARA: HARYAN, ACTING

ARGENTINA -- AL FISHLOW AND I HAD LUNCH WITH THE
ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD WANTED

TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE PROGRAM AND HIS IDEAS ON A JOINT U.S.-ARGENTINE COMMISSION. HOWEVER, JUST BEFORE JOINING US HE RECEIVED RUMORS OF THE RESIGNATION OF ARMY COMMANDER NUMA LA PLANE. THIS EVIDENCE OF THE INCREASING UPHEAVAL IN BUENOS AIRES SEEMED TO UNNERVE HIM TO THE POINT WHERE HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO FOCUS ON HIS PREPARED AGENDA. HE SPENT THE LUNCH TALKING IN TERMS OF QUOTE WHEN AND IF THERE IS A GOVERNMENT IN BUENOS AIRES UNQUOTE AND REPEATING TO US HIS FAVORITE THESIS THAT ALL DEPENDS ON ARGENTINE PERCEPTIONS OF THE U.S. ROLES AND INTENTIONS. HE PROFESSED TO BE TOTALLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN ARGENTINA AND AVOIDED ANY PROGNOSIS ON THE CURRENT CRISIS.

NARCOTICS -- BILL LUERS SPENT A GOOD PART OF THE MORNING CHAIRING THE NARCOTICS ACTION GROUP FOR LATIN AMERICA WHICH IS REVIEWING COUNTRY NARCOTICS PROGRAMS. THESE PROGRAMS AND THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THEM ARE REQUIRING INCREASING ATTENTION FROM OUR FRONT OFFICE.

EA - MR. HABIB

THAI AMBASSADOR. THAI AMBASSADOR ANAND, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM BANGKOK, CONVEYED TO ME HIS OPTIMISM ON THE FUTURE OF THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT IN THAILAND. ANAND BELIEVES THE GOVERNMENT HAS A GOOD CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL, DESPITE THE UN-SECRET

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CERTAINTIES AND PROBLEMS SURROUNDING ITS EXISTENCE SINCE LAST WINTER. ANAND ALSO INDICATED THAI FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI, WHO WILL BE IN NEW YORK IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER FOR THE UNGA AND SEATO, WOULD LIKE TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR A DAY AND MEET SOME OF OUR SENATORS WHO HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. I PROMISED TO SEE WHAT WE COULD DO ABOUT SETTING UP A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE SFRC. WITH RESPECT TO SEATO, ANAND REAFFIRMED THE RTG POSITION THAT SEATO SHOULD BE PHASED OUT OVER THE NEXT TWO-THREE YEARS BUT THAT THE MANILA PACT SHOULD BE PRESERVED.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR. AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA CAME IN TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU FOR TWO DIET MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) WHO WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. I TOLD YASUKAWA THAT WHILE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SET UP A CALL ON YOU FOR THESE VISITORS, WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THE DSP REPRESENTATIVES HAD A GOOD PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, YASUKAWA COMPARED NOTES WITH ME ON THE KOREAN ISSUE IN THE UN. YASUKAWA NOTED THAT THE JAPANESE FIND THE NORTH KOREANS THIS YEAR NOT ATTACHING AS MUCH

IMPORTANCE AS THEY SEEMED TO HAVE LAST YEAR TO THE MAINTENANCE OF ONGOING ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS, AND THAT THE NORTH KOREANS SEEM INTENT ON TRYING TO EXCLUDE THE ROK FROM NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO RESOLUTION OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM AIMING INSTEAD FOR A PEACE TREATY WITH THE US. YASUKAWA ALSO ASKED FOR OUR INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO TACTICAL PROCEDURES ON THE KOREAN ISSUE IN THE UN. I INDICATED WE HAD NOT YET HAD FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE KOREANS ON THIS ASPECT, AND WE ARE THEREFORE NOT YET PREPARED TO DISCUSS TACTICS WITH THE GOJ. I INDICATED WE WOULD OF COURSE DO SO, ONCE WE HAD TALKED WITH THE KOREANS ON THE MATTER.

SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR. SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO CAME IN TO LEAVE WITH ME AN AIDE MEMOIRE RELATED TO SINGAPORE'S INTERESTS IN CERTAIN ITEMS WHICH THE GOS HOPES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE GSP LIST WHEN IT IS ISSUED. THE ITEMS ARE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO SINGAPORE IN ITS EXPORTS TO THE U.S.
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BONN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING PRIVATE TRADE

EA - MR. HABIB (CONTINUED)

OFFICES WITH NORTH KOREA. GERMAN EMBASSY MINISTER RUYTER CALLED ON LES EDMOND TO SEEK OUR COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATE TRADE OFFICES BY THE FRG AND NORTH KOREA. RUYTER EMPHASIZED THAT THE TRADE OFFICES WOULD BE ON A PRIVATE BASIS AND WOULD NOT AFFECT THE PRESENT FAVORABLE ATTITUDES OF THE FRG TOWARD THE ROK, OR FRG SUPPORT FOR KOREAN ISSUES AT THE UN AND ELSEWHERE.

EDMOND REPLIED THAT WE HOPED THAT BONN WOULD NOT PROCEED WITH THIS PROPOSAL, AS ANY SUCH APPROACH BY GERMANY COULD ONLY ENCOURAGE PYONGYANG IN THE BELIEF THAT ITS INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE TO THE ROK WAS SUCCEEDING. EDMOND POINTED OUT THAT, BASED ON FRENCH EXPERIENCE, PYONGYANG WOULD SOON BE PRESSURING BONN FOR MORE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES FOR ITS TRADE MISSION WHICH MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO RESIST. FINALLY, HE NOTED THAT IF GERMANY GAVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE IDEA, WE THOUGHT THAT THE FRG SHOULD OBTAIN A REACTION DIRECTLY FROM THE ROK.

BURMESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. BOB MILLER RECEIVED FOR A BRIEF COURTESY CALL THIS MORNING THREE SENIOR BURMESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHO ARE HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE TO DISCUSS U.S. ANTI-SMUGGLING PROBLEMS AND PROCEDURES.

H - ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY

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1.JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT. VANIK PHONED JENKINS LAST

NIGHT WITH THE NEWS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THE SOVIET UNION THE SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. HE SAID HE COULD BE DISCOURAGED IF WE FELT THE TRIP WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. HE INDICATED INTEREST IN OVERCOMING THE DEADLOCK OF THE SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT AND THOUGHT THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS COULD BE USEFUL. OUR PRESENT INCLINATION IS THAT HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW COULD INDEED ADD SOME ADDITIONAL IMPETUS TO EFFORTS TO MODIFY
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THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT.

2. PRESIDENTIAL VETO OF OIL PRICE CONTROL BILL. SENATOR TOWER'S STAFFER, JOHN BEVAN, TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT TOWER AND OTHER SENATORS FROM OIL PRODUCING STATES WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT ON VETO OF THE OIL PRICE CONTROL BILL IF THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD PROCEED WITH REPORTED PLANS TO ALLOCATE INTRASTATE NATURAL GAS. HE CLAIMED THAT, FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JULY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES, CEA HAS BECOME VERY WORRIED OVER THE INFLATIONARY ASPECTS OF OIL PRICE DECONTROL AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE COMPENSATORY CONTROLS PLACED ON INTRASTATE GAS. SUCH CONTROLS, ALLEGEDLY, WOULD BE TIED INTO A BILL FEA CURRENTLY HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION TO SPREAD MORE EQUITABLY THE ANTICIPATED GAS SHORTAGES THIS WINTER.

ACCORDING TO FEA, AN UNCLEARED PAPER, LEAKED TO THE HILL, WHICH PROPOSES ALLOCATION OF INTRASTATE GAS STIMULATED THE PRESENT CONCERN. ZARB HAS AUTHORIZED HIS STAFF TO TELL TOWER'S OFFICE AND OTHERS THAT FEA DOES NOT YET HAVE A POSITION ON THE ISSUE. WHILE THIS MAY CALM THOSE SENATORS WE HAD BELIEVED FIRMLY WITH US ON THE VETO, THEY WILL BE WATCHING THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON NATURAL GAS CLOSELY.

3. BEVERLY CARTER. SENATOR SCOTT'S OFFICE QUERIED US ABOUT THE STATUS OF CARTER. WE RESPONDED THAT CARTER WAS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA AND WOULD BE RETURNING TO DAR-ES-SALAAM. FOLLOWING THAT, HE WOULD PROBABLY BE RETURNING TO AN ASSIGNMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT. BROOKS OFFICE ALSO CALLED ABOUT CARTER AND ADVISED

THAT THE SENATOR IS WRITING TO YOU ON THE SUBJECT.

H - ROBERT MCCLOSKEY (CONTINUED)

4. NPT HEARINGS. HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI WILL HOLD HEARINGS THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER ON THE STATUS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
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ZABLOCKI SEEKS AN AGREEMENT ENDING UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS
AND A HALT TO FURTHER TRANSFER OF WEAPONS TO ANY COUNTRY
THAT HAS NOT ACCEPTED IAEA SAFEGUARDS. ZABLOCKI'S STAFF
TELLS US THAT HE IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF OUR SEEMING
PASSIVITY IN THE FACE OF MULTIPLICATION OF NUCLEAR
FACILITIES. INGERSOLL

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